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6 August 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Recommended Award for Meritorious Suggestion No. 788

REFERENCE : DD/S 55-1614, dated 1 August 1955, and attachments

1. The applicable statute (which superseded P.L. 600 - 79th Congress) is Title III, P.L. 763 - 83rd Congress, approved 1 September 1954. That statute provides, inter alia, "the departmental awards program set forth in this Title shall be carried out under such regulations and instructions as may be issued by the United States Civil Service Commission . . ." The Civil Service Commission regulations are embodied in the Federal Personnel Manual, Chapter I-4 "Incentive Awards" of which the most recent revision is TS-477.

2. The difficulty presented by this case is that the only monetary saving is to the General Services Administration and not to CIA. Inquiry made of Real Estate and Construction, Logistics Office, (ext. 3017), confirmed that GSA furnishes CIA, without charge, light bulbs and current.

3. The Civil Service Commission regulations, on pages I-4-7 and 8, consider the question of the interdepartmental awards, including the determination of fiscal authority for payment of an award in an interdepartmental case. Section 304(e) of P.L. 763 provides for the payment of an award "from the funds or appropriations available to the activity primarily benefiting, or may be paid from the several funds or appropriations of the various activities benefiting as may be determined . . . by the head of the department concerned . . ."

4. In order to obtain clarification of the Civil Service Commission regulations as they apply to this case, I called Mr. Rosen (the Civil Service Commission staff member responsible for the incentive awards program) and received a return call from his assistant, Mr. Ramsay (Code 171, ext. 5824). I presented our problem to Mr. Ramsay. After checking, he said that Mr. Rosen believed this case should be presented as an interdepartmental case, that is, we cannot make an award of money to the employee although there is no objection to our awarding a certificate under our program. We should submit the proposal to the Civil Service Commission together with our estimates of the saving and the statement that if Agency funds were involved we would make a cash award. The Civil Service Commission will then forward the suggestion to GSA or other interested agencies and will determine the cash award if any. I had the distinct impression that the strength of our presentation will determine

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whether or not a cash award is granted. If the suggestion is of general applicability, the cash award to the employee could be substantially larger than we had originally contemplated.

5. Our transmittal to the Civil Service Commission should be marked for the attention of Mr. Arch S. Ramsay, Room 157, Civil Service Commission Building, 7th and F St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

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